Daily run of]Gandhidham-Bareily Express

716. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI YADLAPATI VANKAT RAO:

Will the Minsiter of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to run train No. 4311/ 12 Gandhidham-Bareilly Express daily which is presently being run bi-weekly;

(b) if so, the details of decision if any, taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if answer to (a) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider the growing demand to run the train daily in larger public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Docs not arise.

(c) Daily running of Gandhidham-Bareilly Express is not fesible due to operational and resource constraints.

Appointment of sports persons in Railways

717. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sportspersons appointed by Government under Railway sports quota during 1997-98 and 1998-99 and the number of persons kept on panel for future appointments in various games/sports; and

(b) what is the present position with regard to their employment in the Railways and the period likely to be taken to absorb them under the sports quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) 1013 sports persons were recruited against sports quota on the Railways during the years 1997-98 and 1998-99. No. sportsperson was kept on panel for future appointment. Hence, the question of employment of any such sports person does not arise.